

# CHARLESTOWN PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5TH. DECEMBER 2021

**SUNDAY MASSES: 9.30 am & 12 noon**, Charlestown. **10.30 am.**, Bushfield  
**VIGIL MASS** 8 pm., Charlestown.

**WEEKDAY MASS** 10 am. Evening Mass, First Friday only 8 pm., Charlestown.

**CONFESSION** Saturday after the 10 am Mass & 7.30 to 7.50 pm.

**ADORATION** Monday 10 am to Friday 11 pm.

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### CHARLESTOWN MORNING MASSES

Sunday	5th.	09.30	People of the Parish
Sunday	5th.	12.00	Bernie Swords, Barrack Street.
Monday	6th.	10.00	Personal Intention
Monday	6th.	<b>12.00</b>	Funeral Mass. Tommy Moffitt, Lowpark
Tuesday	7th.	10.00	Special Intention.
Wednesday	8th.	09.30	Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
Wednesday	8th.	12.00	The Brady Family, Hagfield & Cashel.
Thursday	9th.	10.00	Annie Woods, Loughglynn.
Friday	10th.	10.00	Tony Maloney, Park-view.
Saturday	11th.	10.00	Paddy Cassidy, Ballyglass [20th. Ann.]
Sunday	12th.	09.30	Jim Gallagher and his wife, Kathleen, Lurga.
Sunday	12th.	12.00	Michael James and Mary Finn, Cloonaweema.

### CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	4th.	20.00	Paddy Merriman [6th. Ann.] and son Nial [6th. Ann.] Airport Road.
Tuesday	7th.	<b>20.00</b>	Vigil Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception.
Friday	10th.	<b>19.00</b>	<i>First Responders' Mass.</i>
Saturday	11th.	20.00	Billy Durkin, Sonnagh [11th. Ann.] & deceased of the Durkin family

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	5th.	10.30	Dominic Ruane, Barnalyra [2nd. Ann.]
Wednesday	8th.	10.30	People of the Parish.
Sunday	12th.	10.30	Mary and Tom Gallagher and son John, Bushfield.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Advent [C]**

**(1)** Zephaniah 3:14-18    **Psalm** Isaiah 12:2-6:5    **(2)** Philippians 4:4-7    **Gospel** Luke 3:10-18

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### **R. I. P.**

In your mercy pray for

**MARY DEVANE, Cloonfinnish**, who died **Sunday, 28th. November. Funeral Mass** and **burial** took place in **Charlestown, Friday 3rd. December.**

**WINNIE CUNNINGHAM, nee Duffy**, sister of **Sean Duffy, Bellaghy** who died **Wednesday 1st. December** in **Dublin.**

**TOMMY MOFFITT, Lowpark**, who died **Friday, 3rd. December** in **St. Ann's Nursing Home. Funeral Mass, Monday at 12 noon** in **Charlestown Church. Burial** in the adjoining **cemetery.**

### **ST. JOSEPH:**

Last year, Pope Francis proclaimed a special year of St. Joseph beginning on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast 2021. Next Wednesday the feast of the Immaculate Conception 2021 marks the close of that year.

The year marked the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron of the universal Church, a declaration made by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1870.

In his Letter to coincide with the occasion Pope Francis explained that the aim of this dedicated year was to increase our love for this special saint, to encourage us to implore his help, to imitate his virtues and his zeal. He described St. Joseph as a 'beloved father, tender and loving, an obedient father, an accepting father, a father who is constantly courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows'

### **VINCENT DE PAUL:**

This year the Vincent de Paul Society are unable to hold a church Door collection so donation envelopes are available in both churches. Donors may post their donations, using the envelopes provided, directly to Ozanam House, Galway or they may wish to drop their envelopes into the Offertory Collection Box. The local branch will send them off to Galway.

### **FEASTDAYS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday 6th. December.** **St. Nicholas.** Bishop of Myra in modern day Turkey who lived in the fourth century and very little is known about him. Patron of Russia, pawn-brokers and children.

**Tuesday 7th. December.** **St. Ambrose.** 340-397. Ambrose studied law at Rome and later became governor of the province where Milan was the administrative centre. He was acclaimed bishop by the laity even though he was not yet baptised. He accepted baptism and was ordained a priest in 374 and later the bishop of Milan. A gifted preacher and writer and defender of the faith. Patron of Milan.

**Wednesday 8th. December.** **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**Thursday 9th. December.** **St. Juan Diego.** 1474-1548. In 1531 Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego and told him to ask the bishop to have a church built on that spot. Eventually the church was built and dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. After the church was built Juan Diego devoted himself to the care of the sanctuary and the reception of pilgrims until his death in 1531.

**Friday 10th. December.** **Our Lady of Loreto.** Pilgrims go to Loreto in Italy to pray at the house where Mary was born and visited by the angel Gabriel and where the Holy family lived. According to tradition the small house was carried by angels from Nazareth to Loreto on the night of the 9-10 December 1294. [*The Liturgical Calendar*]

**Saturday 11th. December.** **St. Damasus, Pope.** 304-384. Elected Pope in 366 he was active in combating the heresies of his day. He commissioned St. Jerome to translate the Bible into Latin.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS:**

Mayo Roscommon Hospice and Shine a Light Christmas Cards are available in local Chemists and Supermarkets in Charlestown. Price €6 per pack. Please support.

### **MASS:**

A Mass for the Kilbeagh Community First Responders will take place on Friday 10th., December at 7 pm in St. James's Church, Charlestown. This is a Mass to say thank you to the wonderful volunteers and the local community in supporting this worthwhile cause. All are invited to the celebration of this Mass of Thanksgiving. We wish the First Responders the best of luck on going live with the National Ambulance Service on Sunday 11th. December responding to 999/112 calls for Cardiac Arrest and choking emergencies in our community.

**CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS:** Christmas Mass Cards from the parish are available this week-end in both churches. These Mass Cards offer an opportunity to enrol a family member, a friend or neighbour in a Triduum of Masses to be offered in Charlestown Church, Monday 27th., Tuesday 28th, and Wednesday 29th December daily at 10 am. Sending a Christmas Mass Card is not just sending a greeting card for Christmas; it is offering a very special gift, the precious gift of Mass for the person enrolled. All proceeds from the sale of these cards will go towards meeting the heating and lighting costs incurred in supporting adoration in our church, Monday through Friday. Suggested donation, €5 for one card or €10 for a packet of three.

Names of those you wish to enrol in the Masses are to be written on the insert in the small envelope enclosed in each packet and then placed in the Offertory Collection box or handed into the sacristy as soon as possible and before the date of the first Mass, 27th. December.